correspondence with the Union Government in respect of crops harvesting processes under crop insurance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any technical Advisory Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Joint Secretary (Credit) by the Government in respect of above and it has to issue guidelines;

(d) if so, the details of progress made in this regard;

(e) whether Government is going to issue any amendment in respect of crop harvesting processes under crop insurance at All India Level; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) The State Government of Rajasthan vide their communication have expressed difficulty in the maintenance of single series of Crop Cutting Experiments (CCEs) both for production estimates as well as for National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS). Consultations with National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) have been made and it has been felt that there are difficulties in combining the two series, on account of certain technical reasons/requirements.

(c) The scheme provides, a Standing Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) at national level which comprise representatives from National Sample Survey Organization, Ministry of Agriculture and Implementing Agency to decide on all technical matters including sample size of CCEs for making assessment of yield.

(d) The efforts made for exploring the possibilities of an alternative methodology for making assessment of yield under NAIS. At the instance of the Government of India, Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute (IASRI) have undertaken a study on authenticity and applicability of an alternative methodology namely, Small Area Crop Estimation Approach (SACEA). Similarly, Satellite Remote Sensing Technology is also being tested in the field for its reliability and acceptability through a pilot project.

(e) No, Madam.

(f) Does not arise.

Road-map for dairy development

127. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the road-map of Government for dairy development in the country;

(b) the proposal that have been received by Government from Rajasthan under Consolidated Dairy Development Planning;

(c) the details of action being taken on those proposals;

(d) the measures being taken by Government for achieving the objectives and targets fixed by Government under this scheme; and

(e) the present status of various parameters of Dairy Development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) This department is implementing following schemes for dairy development in the country:

(i) Intensive Dairy Development Programme.

(ii) Strengthening Infrastructure for Quality and Clean Milk Production.

(iii) Assistance to Cooperatives.

(iv) Dairy Venture Capital Fund.

In addition, Planning Commission has recently given 'in principle' approval for a new scheme, namely "National Dairy Plan" proposed to be implemented with World Bank assistance, to increase milk production to 180 million tonnes by 2021-22.

(b) to (d) Government does not have any scheme by the name 'Consolidated Dairy Development Planning'. Hence the Question of receiving any proposal from Rajasthan under the scheme does not arise.

(e) Milk production in the country has increased from 17 million tonnes in 1950-51 to 104.80 million tonnes (estimated) in 2007-08. Per capita consumption of milk, which was 124 gms. per day in 1950-51 has increased to about 252 gms. per day during 2007-08. Under various dairy development schemes 1.29 lakh dairy cooperative societies covering 13.40 million dairy farmers have been promoted.

Agricultural research

†128. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of research centres being run by Government in the field of agriculture and the number of institutes which are being provided financial aid;

(b) the amount being spent by Government on agricultural research in Central Agricultural Universities and other universities; and

(c) the number of agricultural scientists produced by these universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) The number of research institutes are 97 (consisting of 49 Research Institutes including 4 deemed universities, 6 National Bureax, 18 National Research Centres, 24 Project Directorates). All the Research Institutes are being fully funded (100 per cent) by the Government (Department of Agricultural Research and Education/Indian Council of Agricultural Research).

(b) The higher Agricultural Education being a state subject, the State Agricultural Universities are established under the State Legislative Act. Accordingly, the financial

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